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In re the Application of:	
TSAI-FU CHANG	Confirmation No.: 4371
Serial No.: 10/673,359	Art Unit: 2814
Filed: 09/30/03	Examiner: Pham, Long
For: STRUCTURE FOR PREVENTING SALICIDE BRIDGING AND METHOD THEREOF	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2004, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute Group II (claims 6-11), in the present application.

Applicant respectfully objects to the restriction requirement, since the subject matter of claims 6-11 is sufficiently related such that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the

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subject matter of the non-elected claims. Thus, there would be no undue burden to the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that the present application be examined according to MPEP § 803 so as to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicant and improper duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action by one (1) month, to and including December 29, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$120.00 to Deposit Account 50-1390 for the extension of time.

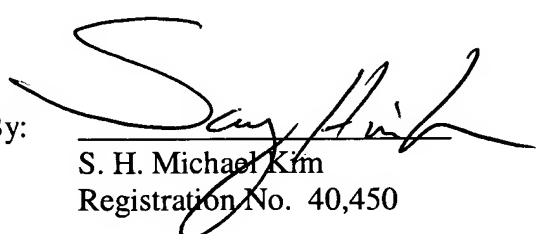
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